



**FINAL MINUTES
of the
Meeting of the
Board of Directors
of the
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
A Public Agency**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2009
8:30 AM**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Britton, Chair; Dave Davis, Vice Chair; Dick Weinberg, Director; Roger Aceves, Director; Sharon Anderson; Director; Chuck McQuary, Director, Brian Fahnestock; Secretary

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller; Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant; Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance; David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development and Community Relations; Liz De La Torre, Manager of Accounting; Thais Sayat, Assistant Accounting Manager; Diana Bautista, Bookkeeper; Patricia Sarabia, Accounting Clerk; Cynthia Boche, Senior Planner; Tom Sheldon, IT Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara Councilmember/Council Liaison MTD; Nancy Rowan, Member of the Coalition for Sustainable MTD and Board Member Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) Santa Barbara; David Pritchett, Santa Barbara Community Action Network (SBCAN) and member of Coalition for Sustainable MTD ; Belen Seara, PUEBLO Education Fund and member of Coalition for Sustainable MTD; Robert Mackenzie

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Britton reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant reported that on Friday, January 9, 2009, the agenda for this meeting was posted at MTD's administrative headquarters, on MTD's website, mailed to all who have requested the agenda and sent to the media of general circulation.

4. & 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Aceves moved to approve the consent calendar for items #4 (Approval of minutes of December 16, 2008) and item #5 (Cash Report December 9, 2008 through January 5, 2009). Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The General Manager read public comment submitted by Nancy Rowan, Member of the Coalition for Sustainable MTD Board Member and Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) Santa

Barbara regarding MTD's services and a requested that members of the Coalition for Sustainable MTD be allowed to participate in MTD's 2009 budget review.

Robert Mackenzie commented on his concerns related to the Line 8 service.

David Pritchett, Santa Barbara Community Action Network (SBCAN) and member of Coalition for Sustainable MTD requested that members of the Coalition for Sustainable MTD be allowed to participate in MTD's 2009 budget review. He also requested that the meeting be televised.

Belen Seara, PUEBLO Education Fund and member of Coalition for Sustainable MTD thanked MTD for the current "Riders Welcome" campaign and requested to meet with MTD's staff in the future to discuss ideas regarding MTD's service.

7. ANNUAL BOARD BUSINESS- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Davis was elected MTD's Board Chair, Director Weinberg was elected Vice Chair, and Director Anderson was elected Secretary. All votes were unanimous.

8. ANNUAL BOARD BUSINESS- BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board reviewed the current list of MTD Board Committees. Vice Chair Weinberg nominated Director Anderson to the Facilities Committee and Director Anderson accepted. Director Anderson then nominated Director Fahnestock to the Finance Committee, and Director Fahnestock accepted. There were no further changes suggested to Committee membership.

Following the review and nominations, Director Fahnestock moved to approve the 2009 Board of Directors Committees list. Director Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As a result of further discussion regarding Ad Hoc Committees, Director Aceves moved to remove the Measure A Ad Hoc Committee. Director Fahnestock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION OF 2009 BOARD CALENDAR

Following review and discussion related to the proposed 2009 Board meeting calendar, the Board accepted the calendar, noting that the February 24th meeting would be moved to February 25th, if City TV is available to record the meeting. The Board agreed that either way, the meeting would be held at 5:30 PM and the public would be notified of any changes to the meeting date.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 09-01 PROPOSITION 1B – TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 08-09

The Board approved Resolution No. 09-01 authorizing the submittal of a project application for the design, purchase and installation of backup generators and associated equipment and software at Terminal 1. A roll call vote was taken and the Resolution passed with 7 Ayes.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 09-02 SUPPORTING YIELD TO BUS LEGISLATION

The Board approved Resolution No. 09-02 supporting the addition of MTD to California Vehicle Code Section 24617, the "Yield to Bus" law. A roll call vote was taken and the Resolution passed with 7 Ayes.

Director Aceves requested that staff review options for implementing such a law, without requiring a change to legislation.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 09-03 SUPPORTING AMENDING THE VEHICLE CODE TO ALLOW LARGER-CAPACITY BIKE RACKS ON BUSES

The Board approved Resolution No. 09-03 supporting amending the Vehicle Code (VC) to accommodate front-mounted bicycle racks that will carry three bicycles. A roll call vote was taken and the Resolution passed with 7 Ayes.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager reported that MTD veteran Driver, Frank Reynoso had recently received a compliment letter from a group of passengers.

She also reported that MTD had also received a letter of thanks from the Baptist Church, neighboring MTD's Olive Street facility. The letter thanked MTD for allowing members their congregation to park in MTD's Olive Street parking lot on Sundays.

MTD's accounting staff Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller, Liz De La Torre, Manager of Accounting, Thais Sayat, Assistant Accounting Manager, Diana Bautista, Bookkeeper and Patricia Sarabia, Accounting Clerk were thanked for their ongoing efforts, which resulted in another successful audit.

The General Manager informed the Board that she and members of MTD's staff had recently met with Santa Barbara Police Chief, Cam Sanchez regarding Halloween 2009. She reported that the SBPD has assured her that they will provide assistance during that time. She noted that additional information and a formal recommendation would be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

The General Manager updated the Board on a meeting that she had with Santa Barbara City College President, Andreea Serban and Vice President, Joseph E. Sullivan regarding the school's service needs. As a result of the meeting, she learned that the school is facing the same State Budget constraints as MTD and could not afford to provide any additional funding for services at this time. The General Manager stated that she plans to speak to the SBCC Student Senate and Board regarding their service concerns.

The Board learned that the lease for MTD's Overpass property has been signed and would be back to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

The General Manager reported that she had recently been contacted by Dr. Dan Secord, who is a member of the Santa Barbara Grand Jury. She stated that he had requested information regarding the MTD's Calle Real property. As a result of his request, she forwarded copies of an August 6, 2008 letter sent to Fred Lamont, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara regarding negotiations related to the property and a copy of the August 26, 2008 meeting minutes, when Mr. Lamont reported that the Housing team was ending its negotiations with MTD.

Following this report, Director Fahnestock requested a meeting of the Calle Real Ad Hoc Committee.

The General Manager informed the Board that the implementation of MTD's new fares is going smoothly.

Sarah Herbold, Assisting Manager of Marketing provided the Board with a presentation of MTD "Riders Welcome" Campaign

14. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Davis reported on an upcoming event Sustainable Transit event that would take place on January 24th, 10:00 AM in the Faulkner Room at the Santa Barbara Library.

Director Aceves requested that Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara Councilmember/Council Liaison MTD be invited to speak at a future MTD Board meeting in order to provide an update on the City's Budget.

15. ADJOURNMENT